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IN THE CLAIMS:

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28. (currently amended) In a telephone network that includes a voicemail server that stores messages and a message notification server that notifies a subscriber device of a message stored in the voicemail server by initiating a voicemail status call to the subscriber, the improvement comprising:

at least one unique caller-ID number associated with the status of messages at said voicemail server for that subscriber, and

a controller responsive to the subscriber device to transmit the at least one unique caller-ID for that subscriber during the voicemail status call, according to the status of messages for that subscriber at said voicemail server, the at least one unique caller-ID number including a first unique caller-ID number transmitted when a new voicemail message is present for the subscriber and a second unique caller-ID number transmitted when no new voicemail message is present for the subscriber.

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30. (previously presented) The improvement of claim 28, wherein the voicemail server includes multiple sub-mailboxes assigned to a single telephone line of a single subscriber, each sub-mailbox having a unique indicator for display on the subscriber device so as to identify which sub-mailbox has received a new voicemail message.